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Main Entry: 1trace 1

Pronunciation: !+rae

Function: noun

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French, from tracier to trace

Date: 14th century

1 archaic: a course or path that one follows

2 a: a mark or line left by something that has passed; also: FOOTPRINT b: a path, trail, or road made by the passage of animals, people, or vehicles

3 a : a sign or evidence of some past thing : VESTIGE b : **ENGRAM**

4 : something (as a line) traced or drawn; as a : the marking made by a recording instrument (as a seismograph or kymograph) b: the ground plan of a military installation or position either on a map or on the ground

5 a: the intersection of a line or plane with a plane b: the usually bright line or spot that moves across the screen of a cathode-ray tube; also : the path taken by such a line or spot 6 a : a minute and often barely detectable amount or indication

<a trace of a smile> b: an amount of a chemical constituent not always quantitatively determinable because of minuteness

- trace·less 40 /-1&s/ adjective

synonyms TRACE, VESTIGE, TRACK mean a perceptible sign made by something that has passed. TRACE may suggest any line, mark, or discernible effect <a snowfield pockmarked with the traces of caribou>. VESTIGE applies to a tangible reminder such as a fragment or remnant of what is past and gone <body><boulders that are vestiges of the last ice age>. TRACK implies a continuous line that can be followed <the fossilized tracks of













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Main Entry: 1edge 40

Pronunciation: 'ei Function: noun

Etymology: Middle English eage, from Old English ecg; akin to Latin acer sharp, Greek akmE point

Date: before 12th century

1 a: the cutting side of a blade b: the sharpness of a blade c (1): FORCE, EFFECTIVENESS < blunted the edge of the legislation> (2): vigor or energy especially of body <maintains his hard edge > d (1); incisive or penetrating quality < writing with a satirical edge> (2): a noticeably harsh or sharp quality <her voice had an edge to it> e : keenness of desire or enjoyment <lost my competitive edge > <took the edge off our

appetites> 2 a: the line where an object or area begins or ends: BORDER <on the edge of a plain > b: the narrow part adjacent to a border <the edge of the deck> c: a point near the beginning or the end; especially: BRINK, VERGE <on the edge of disaster > d: a favorable margin: ADVANTAGE < has an edge on the competition>

3: a line or line segment that is the intersection of two plane faces (as of a pyramid) or of two planes

- edge-less adjective
- on edge: ANXIOUS, NERVOUS

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One entry found for aperture.

Main Entry: ap·er·ture in

Pronunciation: 'ap-&(r)-"chur, -ch&r, -"tyur, -"tur Function: noun

Etymology: Middle English, from Latin apertura, from apertus, past participle of aperire to open

Date: 15th century 1: an opening or open space: HOLE

2 a: the opening in a photographic lens that admits the light b: the diameter of the stop in an optical system that determines the diameter of the bundle of rays traversing the instrument c: the diameter of the objective lens or mirror of a telescope

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